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PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANÇAIS

The Co.'s Steamship
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on the 10th inst. after the
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G. DE CHAMPEAU
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Hongkong, May 17, 1867.

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
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PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS

The Co.'s Steamship
Oceanien, Commandant D.
will be despatched
SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival
Europe.



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Hongkong, May 17, 1887.

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LUBECK FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
 THE Undersigned having been appointed GENERAL AGENTS for the above company are prepared to accept RISKS of FIRE at Current Rates.
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FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR.

That the Jubilee celebration in Hongkong will, after all, be saved from failure, mainly by the quiet influence of a quiet member of the Government.

That the 'fete and general rejoicings' will not be held, and, notwithstanding the contrary 'lies of opposition,' the status of Her Majesty is likely to be erected.

That the date of the general rejoicings nearly everywhere is confined to the last week in June, and that the 9th of November is generally regarded here as too far off.

That the Committee to be named by the Government will probably fix the 21st of June as the date.

That if one may judge from precedents, the status may not be set up for two or three years.

That the celebration of the Queen's Birthday bids fair to be more of a success than usual, as the Governor and the General are working hard in hand.

That it is rumored the Acting Governor intends to push through several administrative measures that have been hanging fire of late, and that he will earn the hearty thanks of the community if he succeeds.

That if Acting Governor Cameron will only distinguish between immediate necessities and future possibilities, the sanitation of the Colony ought to be made rapid strides during his administration.

That when residents are awakened in the night by the killing stench of a drain 'blooms off,' it looks as if something should be done to sweeten life during the summer months.

That the Acting Governor's activity may preclude any recess for the Legislative Council this year.

That voluminous documents have lately been published in the Straits papers in reference to the Colonial and Indian Exhibition and the Straits exhibitors thereof.

That the same thing does not seem to happen here, and the Exhibition affairs continue in a very nebulous condition.

That many of the exhibits have never been heard of since they were dispersed.

That the local Guarantees Fund is said to have been indifferently audited, and that some of the guarantors have paid more than their fair share of the cost.

That the nicely-arranged 'interview' of Sir John Pope Hennessy bears a family likeness to Sir George Bowen's communication to the *London & China Express*.

That the language credited to Sir John leads to the inference that he has given up all hopes of further employment from the Colonial Office.

That Sir John is evidently of opinion that Hongkong taxpayers have not paid enough even yet for military contribution and fortifications, and that taxpayers here must feel duly grateful for his opinion.

That his ideas of native armies of defence in Hongkong and Mauritius are more amusing than hurtful, and that he would probably arm these levies with the improved Hongkong musket of historical memory!

That the papers in Singapore are growing because their new Municipal bill threatens to reduce the general powers of the Municipality, while it provides for an increase of taxation.

That Hongkong would be glad of the opportunity of experimenting with a Municipal Board, now that nearly every trace of the municipal element has been eliminated from the Public Health Bill.

That the 'Municipal Board of Health' has had its name changed back quietly to the 'Sanitary Board,' and that its Chairman is not known to have shed a tear over the incident.

That some (fortunately only some) of the published accounts of the wreck of the ill-fated *Tamama* might be described in nautical language as having been saturated with a spirit of malice, or poisoned by an underflow of venom.

That these remarks, if even in the remotest degree justifiable, were entirely premature, and have no doubt caused much regret to many in China who held the late Captain Perring deservedly in high esteem.

That it is generally believed—and there exists good and strong grounds for the belief—that the British Volunteers are quite capable of protecting themselves against any enemy; but the question arises, Can they protect themselves against their friends?

That a Dover 'War Correspondent' present at the late manoeuvres has done his best to cast contempt and ridicule upon a most patriotic body by relating, in an ill-coordinated mixture of blather, blather and sympathy, how H.R.H. the F.M. remained perfectly 'calm' under a continuous and concentrated fire.

That for having omitted to add the words 'of blank cartridge' this scribbler ought to have been had up before a drum-head Court-martial, and condemned to undergo the sanitary and salutary operation of flogging and flogging.

That, speaking of Volunteers, reminds me that it may be the fortunate lot of Acting Governor Cameron to give fresh life and renewed prosperity to our local Corps.

That I am glad to learn that the local Insurance Office have resolved to calmly wait and to discreetly watch the aggressive movements of the grasping Home Companies.

That the Stock Market generally is sick, from the reaction of feverish speculations, but that the steady-going investors have no occasion for despair.

BROWNIE.

THE NEW OPIUM ORDINANCE.

SANCTION OF HOME GOVERNMENT TO ANTI-SMUGGLING.

A circular issued by the Clerk of Councils this morning announces that His Excellency the Acting Governor has received a telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies approving of the proposals in connection with the Opium Bill; and a meeting of the Legislative Council has been summoned for Monday afternoon at four o'clock, to consider the second reading of an Ordinance for the better regulating of the trade in Opium.

A copy of the amended bill was forwarded along with the circular, and so far as we can see all the modifications proposed by the wholesale and retail opium dealers have been introduced. In effect these modifications are as follow:

The prohibition against the dealing in quantities less than one chest has been removed; and licences may now be granted by the Colonial Treasurer empowering the holder to deal in any quantities less than one chest, but not less than one half of Bengal opium or three catties of Malwa, Persian, or Turkish opium. No other persons than those holding licences shall be allowed to have or deal in quantities less than one chest. This meets the wishes of the retail dealers whose Council pictured such a harrowing scene of the desolation of Hongkong if the original provisions were persisted in. Then in the present bill, the powers of inspection are transferred from the Opium Farmer to the Harbour Master. It was insinuated by the wholesale dealers that if the powers of enquiry into the quantity of their stock were conferred upon the Opium Farmer, himself a wholesale dealer, the Farmer would exercise his rights in such a vexatious manner as to cause extreme irritation, if he did not even use the information he thus obtained for the furtherance of his own interests at the expense of those of the dealers. They suggested therefore that these powers should be transferred to the Harbour Master, a British official in whom they could place reliance. These are the principal and really the only substantial amendments in the Bill, and as they meet all the demands put forward by those in the trade, the bill when it comes up for consideration should meet with no objection on that score.

The preamble and sections 1 and 2, dealing with construction and interpretation, remain unaltered. Section 3, which formerly prohibited the import or export of quantities less than one chest, now simply forbids the import, so that quantities less than one chest may now be exported as well as in the colony. This removes the threatened interference with the opium trade by junks; and the Chinese Government have also assented to the smaller quantities being exported by junk or by steamer. Its export by steamer, foreign sailing vessel or junk to treaty ports other than Canton is forbidden. Provision for regulating this portion of the traffic is made in Section 6. Section 4 of the old Ordinance, which provided that a person who carried opium shall have in his possession or under his custody or control opium in quantities less than one chest, is, of course, abided. There come three entirely new sections, which are as follow:—

13. It shall be the duty of holders of licences to attach to all parcels of opium sold by them in quantities less than one chest, a certificate in the following form:—

No. _____

Sold this day to _____

by _____

to be exported by him to _____

This certificate shall not be valid after noon of the _____

14. No person except the Opium Farmer or the licensed retail dealer shall have in his possession or under his custody or control opium in quantities less than one chest without a certificate of purchase from the Opium Farmer, or the licensed retail dealer, or the holder of a licence to sell opium.

15. That the said Opium is covered by a certificate of one of the licences.

16. That he has received it under an official export permit. Provided always that it shall be in the absolute discretion of the officer charged with issuing export permits to grant or withhold the same, and that this section shall not apply to samples not exceeding two taels covered by a certificate of the importer.

Section 7 of the old Ordinance replaces section 5 of the old, which required that the Opium Farmer should keep a register of the opium supplied to him and give such details as to its disposal as the Governor may require. That duty is now thrown by section 7 of the new Ordinance except by the addition of a penalty of \$500 on the Opium Farmer for breach of conditions of his licence. 9 is exactly the same as 7, and provides for the granting of permits to deal in opium. In sections 10 and 11, which deal with the granting of permits for the movement and export and removal and transhipment of the drug, have been amended by the introduction of words which limit their application to designs to export. In the old Bill these provisions were extended to all opium, as trading in foreign opium was not permitted. 12 and 14 are the same as 11 and 12, except that the fine for not keeping a register of the number of chests imported has been raised from \$200 to \$300. Section 15 has been amended by the introduction of words by which it

will be possible to grant special right permits to Hongkong special licensed fishing boats. Section 16 has been altered so as to confer the powers of examination on the Harbour Master, who will have power to examine the stock at any time, morning, noon or night, but not more than five times a month as was provided for in the old section. All the other sections and the schedules are the same as in the old Ordinance.

Of course the provisions will not in any way affect the establishment of a Customs Station at Kowloon, where traders will be able to get permits for whatever quantity they may desire to export either by junk or by Canton steamer; but there will now be no necessity for them to take the chest over to the station and get it made up into whatever quantities they might have desired, and bond what they did not actually require at the moment. Whether the measures about to be introduced will, as has been remarked before, enable the Chinese Government to collect their revenue on every mace of the drug exported from Hongkong remains to be seen; but there seems every probability, if the stringent provisions of this Ordinance are strictly enforced, of their being able to do so.

FOOCHOW.

The following items are from the *Foochow Echo* of the 14th instant:—

The buildings for the Sugar Refinery mentioned some time ago, are progressing rapidly. The site chosen is on the left side of the river, and the building will be a four mile long with the refinery, and the promoters are confident that the business will pay handsomely.

With the exception of a few musters from the near districts, nothing of much importance has as yet been seen of the new season tea. Owing to much rain during the picking, the color of the tea is very bad, and on the whole much inferior. The natives predict that the coming season will be as bad as the last.

One of the most interesting and beautiful and formidable fortresses of Malacca.

At 12 o'clock on the 15th whilst descending the river, a large number of boats, some of which were armed with rifles and cannon, and some with muskets, were seen to be approaching the city.

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SPANISH OPERATIONS IN SULU.

TAKING OF THE SULTAN'S CAPITAL.

The British North Borneo Herald of the 1st May contains the following translation of a bombastic account in Spanish of the Spanish attack on the capital of Sulu.

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